

## *Lived at The Point*

### BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

#### HENRY RUSSELL AND LaVINA McDONALD CLUFF



Henry Russell Cluff was born Dec. 3, 1869, in Provo, Utah. He was the son of Henry and Kezia Russell Cluff. He was reared on the Cluff ranch in Elkhorn now known at Keetley. He married Fanny LaVina McDonald Oct. 2, 1892. They lived and reared their family of nine children in Heber City. Seven children are now living. Mabel died as a baby. Others are Bert Fillmore, Mrs. V. K. Howe (Della), Merlin, Salt Lake City; Russell, San Leandro, California; Charles Lessie, Heber; Lilly Provost, Midway; Afton Dillon, Long Beach, Calif. They have 26 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Henry worked at the Ontario Drain Tunnel for years, putting the first tunnel through. He worked for the government for 27 years. In that time he made some very interesting observations on the range. One was how thousands of prairie chickens migrated one fall and never returned. He worked in the trapping of animals until he was 75 years of age.

While out in the mountains camping, many tourists often mistook him for "rough riding" Teddy Roosevelt. He was once asked to go to Hollywood to make a production of *Freddy*.

Fanny Lavina McDonald Cluff was born Sept. 7, 1875, in Heber City, the 15th child of William and Sarah Shurtz McDonald. LaVina or "Aunt Vine" by which she was better known, was very talented. She was never schooled for these talents. It was God's gift to her. From the time she was a child she made many beautiful things.

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Anything she saw she could sit down and make it—flowers, doilies, paintings, jewelry. Each day she would sit for hours making something. Her hands were never idle. She always had her work displayed at the county fairs. She won many ribbons. Her home was an inspiration to visit. Many friends came just to see her home.

Flowers in bloom were her pride. Many slips of her flowers were given to people, also doilies are in the homes of her friends and her children. At the time of her death she had 187 doilies and 49 pairs of hot pads.

She was always sweet and kind. Relatives and friends loved to visit her. Many a Sunday she cooked dinners for as many as 25 or 30 people. She and Henry were married 66 years. They were very seldom separated for any length of time. Even in death there was only 15 days. LaVina passed away June 3, 1958, and Henry died June 18, 1958, the end of a wonderful life together.

# Pedigree Chart

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